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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director/Intelligence

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: Assistant Director/ Research and Reports

SUBJECT

: Report on field trip to Sweden and Finland

1. Purpose of trip

- a. Discussion with officers in the two American Embassies the over-all program of procurement for American mapping agencies.
 - b. Development of plans for the continuation of future procurement.
 - c. Procurement of maps published in recent years.
- d. Preparation of current reports on the status of the several map-producing organizations in Sweden and Finland.

2. Activities

- a. General discussions were held with Mr. George Abbott, Counselor of of the Embassy, and Mr. Edward C. Wilson, Administrative Officer, in Sweden and Mr. John H. Morgan, Counselor of the Legation, and John E. Crawford, Administrative Officer, in Finland in regard to the map procurement program. The need evidenced by mapping agencies of the Government for foreign-published maps, related publications, foreign geographic information required for map compilation, and data on foreign mapping agencies and their program was conveyed to the officers of each post.
- b. Plans were made for the continuation of future procurement activities and a person assigned in both Sweden and Finland to be held responsible for carrying out some of the duties of the program. In Sweden, Mr. Robert E. Read, Second Secretary and Economic Officer, was designated to assume some of the functions. In Finland, Mr. Alfred Westphalen, Economic Section, will conduct future map procurement work.

The individuals selected are entromely capable and well qualified persons. However, their obligations and duties in the Economic Sections of their respective posts limits the amount of time that can be devoted to the map procurement effort. The possibility also exists that primary tasks may not permit them to continue with their additional obligation.

c. Procurement in Sweden and Finland

	Maps	Publications
Sweden	1,412	417
Finland	981	221

The above figures represent the items received on transmittals and direct from publishing agencies. In addition, approximately 1,200 Finnish maps and 200 Swedish maps are yet to be received to satisfy

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"want list" requests, presented to the agencies. Many of the publications are richly interspersed with special-subject maps. Final total should exceed 4,400 maps and publications. Majority of maps and publications were obtained as exchange and gift materials. was expended on purchases.

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d. Current reports on the status of map-producing organizations in Sweden and Finland have been prepared.

Sweden

Rikets Allmänna Kartverk (RAK) - Geographical Survey Office Generalstabens Litografiska Anstalt (GLA) - The Lithographic Office of the General Staff Esselte, AB (SLT) Swedish Lithographic Tryckerier AB Kartografiska Institutet (AKI) - Cartographic Institute Sveriges Geologiska Undersöking (SGU) (Swedish Geological Survey) Statens Skogsforskningsinstitut (The Forest Research Institute of Sweden) Kungl. Lantmäteristyrelsen (The Royal Land Survey Board), and others.

Finland

Maanmittaushallitus (Lantmäteristyrelsen) - General Survey Office Geodeettinen Laitos (Geodetiska Institutet) - Geodetic Institute Geologinen Tutkimuslaitos (Geologiska Forskningsanstalten) - Geological Survey Merentutkimuslaitos (Havsforskningsinstitutet) - Oceanic Institute Metsahallitus (Valtionmetsain Jaosto) - Forestry Board Maatalousministerion Asutusasiainosasto (Lantbruksministeriets Kolonisationsavdelning) - Ministry of Agriculture, Land Settlement Section Maatalousseurojen Keskusliitto - Central League of Agricultural Societies, and others.

3. Difficulties

No particular difficulties encountered on mission.

4. Commitments

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5. Recommendations

The presence of a trained geographer in the area is essential for continued receipt of materials, particularly special-subject maps so vital to the intelligence community. The continued cooperation of the agency in future map procurement missions is necessary unless the Department of State resumes this function.

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